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**REPORT OF THE  
MEETING OF THE MINISTERS OF TRANSPORT  
OF THE BSEC MEMBER STATES**

**Sofia, 15 April 2010**

1. The Meeting of the Ministers of Transport of the BSEC Member States was held in Sofia, Republic of Bulgaria, on 15 April 2010. It was preceded, on 14 April 2010, by the Meeting of Experts for the preparation of the “Sofia Joint Declaration on Strengthening the Co-operation in the Field of Transport in the BSEC Region”.
2. The Meeting was chaired by H.E. Mr. Aleksandar TSVETKOV, the Minister of Transport, Information Technology and Communications of the Republic of Bulgaria.
3. The Meeting was attended by the representatives of the following BSEC Member States:
  - Republic of Albania
  - Republic of Armenia
  - Republic of Azerbaijan
  - Republic of Bulgaria
  - Georgia
  - Hellenic Republic
  - Republic of Moldova
  - Romania
  - Russian Federation
  - Republic of Serbia
  - Republic of Turkey
  - Ukraine
4. The representatives of the Arab Republic of Egypt also attended the Meeting as a BSEC Observer.
5. The representatives of the Black Sea Association of Shipbuilders and Shiprepairers (BRASS), the Union of Road Transport Associations in the BSEC Region (BSEC-URTA) and the Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions of Europe (CPMR) participated in the Meeting as Organizations having Sectoral Dialogue Partnership with BSEC.

6. The Meeting was attended by the representatives of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) and the International Road Transport Union (IRU) as Guests.
7. The List of Participants of the Meeting is attached as **Annex I**.
8. The opening statement was delivered by H.E. Mr. Aleksandar TSVETKOV, the Minister of Transport, Information Technology and Communications of the Republic of Bulgaria.
9. Mr. Alexander BAKALOV, Head of Regional Cooperation Department of the Neighboring Countries Directorate of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Bulgaria, delivered a greeting address of H.E. Mr. Nickolay MLADENOV, the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Bulgaria.
10. H.E. Ambassador Leonidas CHRYSANTHOPOULOS, the Secretary General of the Permanent International Secretariat of the Organization of BSEC, delivered a statement.
11. The draft agenda of the Meeting was discussed and adopted. The agenda, as adopted by the Heads of Delegations, is attached as **Annex II**.
12. The Heads of Delegations delivered their general statements and discussed the agenda items. Their statements are attached as **Annex III**.
13. The Heads of Delegations adopted the “Sofia Joint Declaration on Strengthening the Co-operation in the Field of Transport in the BSEC Region”. The Declaration is attached as **Annex IV**. Some delegations expressed their positions regarding the BSEC Permit Pilot Project which are reflected in Attachment I to Annex IV.
14. The Heads of Delegations expressed their gratitude to the Ministry of Transport, Information Technology and Communications of the Republic of Bulgaria and personally to H.E. Mr. Aleksandar TSVETKOV, for the hospitality extended to the delegations and the excellent organization of the Meeting in Sofia.
15. The Heads of Delegations adopted the present Report and submitted it to the 22<sup>nd</sup> Council of Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the BSEC Member States to be held in Sofia on 28 May 2010.

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